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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE WASHDC INFO ABIDJAN ADDIS  
ABABA BAMAKO BELGRADE CANBERRA CARACAS DAR ES SALAAM FREETOWN  
JAKARTA KABUL NEW DELHI MOSCOW PORT OF SPAIN PRAGUE SANTIAGO  
SOFIA STOCKHOLM TEHRAN TUNIS PEKING FROM USUN NEW YORK  
AUG 23 REPEATED

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 2945

DEPT POUCH SUVA

DEPT PASS USINT BAGHDAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: UN RQ

SUBJ: PUERTO RICO IN UN COMITE OF 24

1. AT ITS AUG 22 MEETING, UN COMITE OF 24 TOOK FIRST ACTION OF  
SUBSTANCE ON PR THIS YEAR BY VOTING 12-0 WITH 12 ABSTENTIONS TO  
GRANT HEARING AT AUG 23 MEETING TO PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE  
LEADERS BERRIOS AND MARI BRAS. THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR ARGUED  
HEARING COULD CONTRIBUTE TO COMITE'S CURRENT DEBATE ON HOW  
TO IMPLEMENT COMITE'S 1972 RES ON PR AND WOULD NOT PREJUDICE  
COMITE'S EVENTUAL DECISION. ABSTAINERS ARE CLAIMED (MOSTLY  
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IN CORRIDOR CONVERSATIONS) THAT GRANTING PUERTO RICANS A

HEARING COULD SET DANGEROUS  
PRECEDENT BY INVOLVING COMITE IN AREAS OF WORLD NOT ON UN'S  
LIST OF NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES.

2. VICTORY FOR CUBAN SPONSORED PROPOSAL FOLLOWED LAST-MINUTE  
COLLAPSE OF EFFORTS BY COMITE'S MODERATES (PRINCIPALLY AUSTRALIA,  
ETHIOPIA AND IRAN) TO ARRIVE AT COMPROMISE WHEREBY COMITE  
WOULD AVOID VOTE THROUGH CONSENSUS AGREEMENT PERMITTING  
INDEPENDENTISTAS TO PRESENT WRITTEN MATERIAL TO COMITE BUT  
DENYING THEM RIGHT TO SPEAK BEFORE IT. COMPROMISE  
SABOTAGED BY CHILEANS AND IRAQIS WHO REFUSED TO ACCEPT ANYTHING  
LESS THAN FULL HEARING AND INSISTED ON A VOTE. CHILEANS  
PLAYED PARTICULARLY DEVIOUS ROLD. AFTER AMB BENNETT TOLD DEPUTY  
PERMREP HOLGER MORNING AUG 22 THAT CHILE'S ACTIVE CHAMPIONING  
OF HEARING WAS INTERVENTION IN US INTERNAL AFFAIRS (SUBJECT  
ABOUT WHICH CHILE OVTFEN COMPLAINS) AND WOULD CERTAINLY NOT  
HELP TO IMPROVE US-CHILEAN RELATIONS, HOLGER CLAIMED CHILEANS  
NOT TAKING LEAD AND WOULD CERTAINLY NOT STAND IN WAY OF  
COMPROMISE. NEVERTHELESS, AS AUG 22 COMITE MEETING OPENED,  
CHILEAN AMB DIAZ CASANUEVA MADE IT CLEAR IN CONVERSATIONS WITH  
OTHER DELEGATES (OVERHEARD BY MISOFF) THAT CHILE INSISTING ON A  
HEARING. IRAQIS REPORTEDLY UNDER FIRM INSTRUCTIONS  
TO BACK CUBANS ALL THE WAY AFTER CUBANS LOBBYED INTENSIVELY  
IN BAGHDAD.

3. VOTING TO HEAR PUERTO RICANS WERE: BULGARIA, CHILE, CHINA,  
CONGO, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, FIJI, IRAQ, MALI, SYRIA, TANZANIA, USSR,.  
YUGOSLAVIA. ABSTAINING WERE: AFGHANISTAN, AUSTRALIA, ETHIOPIA,  
INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN, IVORY COAST, SIERRA LEONE, SWEDEN,  
TRINIDAD&TOBAGO, TUNISIA, VENEZUELA. VOTE GENERALLY FOLLOWED  
LAST YEAR'S COMITE VOTE ON PUERTO RICAN RES WITH 3 EXCEPTIONS.  
WE FAVORABLY SURPRISED BY INDIA AND SIERRA LEONE BUT DISMAYED  
BY FIJI'S SWITCH, (SEPTTEL PROVIDING SOME SPECULATION ABOUT FIJI'S  
MOTIVES FOLLOWS TO DEPT, CANBERRA AND SUVA). ONLY MEMBERS  
SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF HEARING BEFORE VOTE TAKEN WERE CHILE, IRAQ,  
MALI AND SYRIA. SOVS, CZECHS AND BULGARIANS FOLLOWED THROUGH ON  
THEIR PROMISES IN CAPITALS NOT TO TAKE LEAD ON THIS  
ISSUE. THEY FIRST AGREED TO COMPROMISE FLOATED BY IRANISANS  
AND, WHEN THAT COLLAPSED, CONTENTED THEMSELVES WITH  
CASTING VOTE CONSISTENT WITH THEIR "WELL ESTABLISHED POSITIONS."  
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CHANGE IN SOV BEHAVIOR FROM LAST YEAR PARTICULARLY  
NOTABLE, SINCE USSR DEL DURING 1972 COMITE DEBATE ON PR PLAYED  
LEADING ROLE IN PUSHING CUBAN-BACKED PROPOSALS ON PR.

4. STATEMENT ISSUED BY AMB SCALI FOLLOWING COMITE'S VOTE BEING  
TRANSMITTED SEPTTEL.  
SCALI UNQUOTE ROGERS

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